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ALBANY, GA - Agriculture contributes more than \$65 billion annually to Georgia's economy, but the industry is facing challenges.

Friday and Saturday the Federation of Southern Cooperatives hosted their 28th annual small farmers conference in Albany to talk about farm issues.

About 300 farmers and landowners from across the southeast attended.

They talked about everything from how to obtain loans, get information about government services, and talked to USDA officials about their concerns.

"The truth be told all farmers are threatened now, we're having a good year in crops but we've had several bad years in prices," said Ralph Paige, Federation of Southern Cooperatives Executive Dir.

Farmers and landowners heard from congressman Sanford Bishop this morning and shared concerns about the challenges they're facing in the Agriculture industry.